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SUMMARY: YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR GAVE US FOLLOWING RUN-DOWN ON ONE-DAY
DOLANC VISIT MARCH 19. PRINCIPAL TOPICS COVERED WERE
PAKISTANII INITIATIVE FOR AN LDC SUMMIT (REFTEL) AND
PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON BHUTTO INITIATIVE, DODIK SAID NO MEETING OF MINDS
REACHED BETWEEN CEAUSESCU AND DOLANC WHO ONLY AGREED
THAT YUGOSLAVS AND ROMANIANS SHOULD CONTINUE TO TALK
ABOUT MATTER TO SEE IF THEY COULD BRING THEIR VIEWS
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CLOSER TOGETHER. YUGOSLAVS CONTINUE TO FEEL NO NEED
FOR SUCH A MEETING ALTHOUGH THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THE
LARGE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE NON-ALIGNED
MOVEMENT MAY LEGITIMATELY WANT TO SEEK SOME FORUM
FOR EXPRESSING THEIR IDEAS. DODIK SAID HE WAS HARD PUT TO EXPLAIN
WHAT LAY AT THE ROOT OF ROMANIAN SUPPORT FOR NEW LDC
FORUM OTHER THAN FACTOR JUST MENTIONED AND PERHAPS

CONTINUING ROMANIAN INTEREST
IN TRYING TO IMPROVE CREDENTIALS STILL
FURTHER WITH THE LDCS. HE DID MENTION THAT CEAUSESCU
HAD TALKED ABOUT FACT THAT LDC GATHERING NEED NOT
NECESSARILY BE AT SUMMIT LEVEL AND DID
NOT PUSH FOR ANY PARTICULAR TIMING. NO DATE FIXED
FOR RENEWAL OF ROMANIAN-YUGOSLAV DISCUSSIONS ON THIS
POINT THOUGH DODIK THOUGHT PERSONALLY THERE MIGHT BE
SOME BEFORE THE EARLY APRIL MEETING OF THE NON-
ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE IN DELHI.

2. ON BELGRADE, DODIK SAID YUGOSLAV-ROMANIAN VIEWS
ARE VERY CLOSE ON BASKETS I AND II BUT AS EXPECTED
RATHER FAR APART ON BASKET III. DOLANC AND
CEAUSESCU DID DISCUSS WHAT WAS CALLED WESTERN PRESS
"CAMPAIGN" ON HUMAN RIGHTS DERELICTIONS OF EE
COUNTRIES INCLUDING YUGOSLAVIA THOUGH DOLANC TOLD
CEAUSESCU HE FELT "CAMPAIGN" HAD QUIETED DOWN AND
SERIOUS PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE COULD NOW BEGIN.
CEAUSESCU PLACED PARTICULAR STRESS ON NEED FOR BELGRADE
MEETING TO TALK ABOUT DISARMAMENT AND REDUCTIONS OF
MILITARY BUDGETS EVEN THOUGH NO BINDING DECISIONS
COULD BE TAKEN. DOLANC TOLD CEAUSESCU YUGOSLAVS
THOUGHT SOME OTHER EE COUNTRIES COULD AFFORD TO
LOOSEN THINGS UP SOMEWHAT AND THAT YUGOSLAVIA AND
ROMANIA HAD AN INTEREST IN THEIR DOING SO. DODIK
SAID CEAUSESCU MADE NO PARTICULAR COMMENT AT THIS
POINT.

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3. OTHER SUBJECTS COVERED WERE, ACCORDING TO DODIK:
THE MIDDLE EAST WHERE (WHERE CEAUSESCU FELT PROSPECTS FOR SETTLE-
MENT SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER, IN PART BECAUSE OF US WILLINGNESS TO
PERSUADE ISRAELIS TO NEGOTIATE); AFRICA - BOTH THE HORN AND
SOUTHERN AFRICA; WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES;
AND ROMANIAN EARTHQUAKE CONSEQUENCES.

4. DODIK SAID THERE WAS NO TIME LEFT FOR DOLANC TO GET A FILL-
IN ON RECENT SOFIA IDEOLOGICAL MEETING BUT HE
EXPECTS TO GET ONE HIMSELF IN THE RELATIVELY NEAR
FUTURE FROM ROMANIANS.
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